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Mr. Louis Kaufman
The Boston Globe
Boston, Massachusetts 02107

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Mr. Angus Thuermer has sent me your letter of January 23, 1973, concerning Moe Berg since I had some knowledge of his case. I had the pleasure of meeting him shortly after he returned from Europe in, I believe, the spring of 1946.

I am sympathetic to your project. However, the OSS files generally and the files on Mr. Berg's mission specifically are still classified and are not apt to be declassified at any early stage. This means that unfortunately we cannot release to you the cables you mention in your letter. If you would tell me what the information is you want to get from these cables, I might be able to be of some help and would be glad to look into the matter.

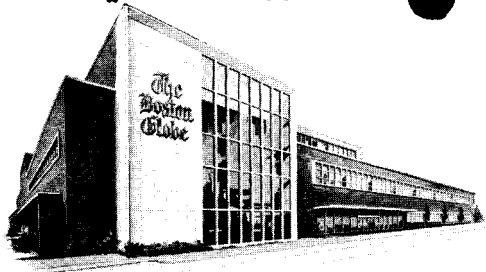
Sincerely,



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Mr. Angus Thuermer
Assistant to Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

Pertaining to our telephone conversation may I now request in writing any assistance your agency may offer in regard to World War 2 Office of Strategic Services member Morris "Moe" Berg.

Mr. Berg, who died last year, had contributed significantly to our nation during this period. I am in the process of writing a biography on Mr. Berg. The intent of the book is to reveal Mr. Berg's efforts for his country during this period as well as cite OSS for its laudatory endeavors.

In order to be as factual as possible in preparing this book it is necessary that I along with two associates who are assisting in the research and writing, view certain cables that were transmitted between Mr. Berg and his superiors during the involved period. We certainly hope they have been declassified and if not consideration be given in this matter.

We have already discussed Mr. Berg with leading officers of OSS during that period; including Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs William Casey. They have been very helpful and express enthusiasm for the project.

We certainly hope that the great work of Mr. Berg can be accurately told to the reading public. Again, viewing the cables will provide this accuracy.

May I say that this project is a private venture and has no connection with my work as a reporter for the Boston Globe. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Louis Kaufman

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